



Mid-Region Council of Governments
RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RTPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Thursday, December 13, 2007
9:30 a.m. – Noon

Mid-Region Council of Governments
809 Copper Ave. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Karen Mahalick, Chair

Peter Pino, Vice Chair

AGENDA

Call to Order:

The presence of a quorum will be noted.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Tab 1 **Action Summary for October 17, 2007 meeting**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tab 2 **Public Comments**

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO ADDRESS THE RTPO-TAC MUST REGISTER WITH THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 3 **Decision Regarding FY09-14 Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendation**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION

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WORKSHOP

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STATUS REPORTS

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Adjournment

NOTES

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 21, 2008

Primary Topic: Scenic Byways Grant Applications

Anyone requiring special accommodations is requested to please notify the MRCOG office at 247-1750 at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

ACTION SUMMARY



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**Karen Mahalick, Chair
Vice-Chair**

Peter Pino,

ORGANIZATION	PRE-SENT	MEMBER	PRE-SENT	ALTERNATE
City of Belen		Julie Baca, Community Service Director	X	Andrew DiCamillo
Village of Bosque Farms		Wayne Ake, Mayor		Gayle Jones, Clerk/Administrator
Pueblo of Cochiti		Andy Quintana, Treasurer		Ray Trujillo, Tribal Planner
Village of Cuba		Richard R. Velarde, Mayor		Jason Griego, Police Chief Vandora P. Casados, Village Clerk
Town of Edgewood	X	Karen Mahalick, Clerk/Treasure, <i>Chair</i>		Howard Calkins, Mayor
Village of Encino		Vacant		John G. Phillips III, Mayor Juanita Barnes, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Estancia		Vacant		Vacant
Pueblo of Isleta		Simon Shima, Chief Tribal Planner		Vacant
Pueblo of Jemez		James R. Madalena, Governor		Hilario Armijo, Transportation Specialist
Village of Jemez Springs		John Garcia, Mayor		Wanona Maestas, Trustee
Pueblo of Laguna	X	David Deutsewa, Transportation Specialist		Vacant
City of Moriarty		Adan Encinas, Mayor		Margie Olivas, Deputy Clerk
Town of Mountainair		Vel Gilley, Mayor		Jesse Davidson, Planning & Zoning Commissioner Dennis Fulfer, Planning & Zoning Commissioner
Pueblo of San Felipe		Jason Valencia		Vacant
Village of San Ysidro		Steve M. Lucero, Mayor		Vacant
Pueblo of Sandia	X	Sharon Hausam, Community Development Planner		Vacant
Sandoval County		Phil Rios, Director of Public Works	X	Tommy Mora, Assistant Director of Safety & Training
Torrance County	X	Pat Lincoln, Planning & Zoning		Vacant

		Commissioner		
Valencia County	X	Eric Zamora , County Manager		Georgia Otero-Kirkham , Commissioner
Pueblo of Zia		Ken Lucero , Assistant Tribal Administrator	X	Peter Pino , Tribal Administrator, <i>Vice-Chair</i>
ELIGIBLE BUT NOT PARTICIPATING				
Jicarilla Apache Tribe				
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District				
Pueblo of Santa Ana				
Santa Fe County				
Pueblo of Santo Domingo				
Village of Willard				
NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBER				
ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Pueblos Agency		Charles Riley , Supervisor Highway Engineer		Vacant
Bureau of Land Management Rio Puerco Resources Area		Arlene Salazar , Realty Specialist		Kent Hamilton , Community Planner
Federal Highway Administration		Vacant		Vacant
New Mexico Department of Transportation	X	Brian Degani , Transportation Planner		Janet Spivey , Planner
New Mexico Department of Transportation		David Harris , Transit Manager		Greg White , Coordinator Commute Options Program
New Mexico Department of Transportation		Patricia Oliver-Wright , Assistant Planning Director		Roy Cornelius , Senior Planner
New Mexico Department of Transportation		Jose Silva , Technical Support Engineer, District 6		Vacant
New Mexico Department of Transportation		John McElroy , District 5 Engineer		Phil Gallegos , Technical Support Engineer
New Mexico Department of Transportation		Larry Velasquez , District 3 Engineer		Frank Esparza , Urban & Regional Planner Debbie Bauman , Dist. 3 Advanced Planning Section
New Mexico State Land Office		Patrick H. Lyons , Commissioner		Tim Callahan , Project Manager
New Mexico State Transportation Commission		Norman Assed , Commissioner District 3		Vacant
New Mexico State Transportation Commission		Greg Ortiz , Commissioner District 6		Vacant
New Mexico State Transportation Commission		David Schutz , Commissioner District 5		Vacant
NPS-Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument		Glenn Fulfer , Park Superintendent		Vacant
United State Forest Service Cibola Ranger District		Michael Gurule , Roads Engineer		Vacant
United States Forest Service, Santa Fe National Forest	X	Pat Leyba , Forest Engineer		

United States Forest Service Sandia Ranger District		Cid Morgan , District Ranger		Vacant
Valley Improvement Association		Jacqueline Guilbault , Program Director Manzano Conservation Foundation		Vacant
MRCOG STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT				
Loretta Tollefson , MRCOG Special Projects Manager – RTPPO				
Nicole Ortiz , MRCOG Secretary				
Bruce Rizzieri , MRCOG Regional Transit Manager				
Dan Shapico , Cornicopia				
Gino Rinaldi , Sandoval County				
Althea Hastings , Go Fors Inc. Too				
Veronica Gamboa , City of Belen, Public Transit				
John Baca , Santo Domingo				
Ernest Coriz , Santo Domingo				
Pug Burge , Town of Peralta				
Hooshang Tavanaiepot , NMDOT				
Jill Dougherty , Valencia Counseling Services				
David Martinez , NMDOT District 5				
Ron Beckman , ARCA				
Frank Otero , Village of Los Lunas Transit				
Krista Kelly , Adelante				
Mike Kivitz , Adelante				
Michelle Bishop-Coach , Cornicopia				
Tammy Haas , NMDOT GO				

AGENDA	
	<p>Call to Order:</p> <p>The October 17, 2007 Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Chair Karen Mahalick and the presence of a quorum was noted.</p>
	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Ms. Pat Lincoln, Torrance County, made a motion to:</p> <p>APPROVE THE OCTOBER 17, 20007 AGENDA AS PRESENTED.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Mr. Tommy Mora, Sandoval County, and was approved unanimously.</p>
Tab 1	<p>Action Summary for August 23, 2007 meeting</p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Mr. Mora made a motion to:</p> <p>APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 23, 2007</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Mr. Andrew deCamilo, City of Belen, was approved unanimously.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	
Tab 2	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>There were no public comments</p>
PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION	
Tab 3	<p>NMDOT Tolling Study</p> <p>Ms. Patricia Oliver-Wright, NMDOT Santa Fe, provided briefing about the NMDOT Tolling Feasibility Study. She stated that an initial assessment has been completed and that the draft report is undergoing internal review and comment. No extensive public involvement is expected. The Feasibility Study Report is due to be completed in January, when it will be submitted to the State Legislature.</p>
Tab 4	<p>House Memorial 35 Subcommittee</p> <p>Ms. Oliver-Wright provided an update on the activities of the House Memorial 35 Subcommittee. She stated that the final report is expected by Thursday, October 25. She also provided information about the HM35 Task Force, which is holding public meetings around the state about transportation infrastructure needs. A meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, October 25 in the MRCOG Board Room.</p>
Tab 5	<p>I-25 Corridor Study</p>

	<p>Mr. Hooshang Tavanaiepour, NMDOT, provided a briefing about the I-25 Corridor Study. The termini for the study are the Big I and the Isleta Boulevard interchange. The study is intended as a planning tool to identify needs in the corridor and is using a tiered EIS approach in order to reduce the required environmental documentation when funding is available for the projects which are identified as a result of the planning study.</p>				
ACTION ITEMS					
Tab 6	<p>Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and 5311 Grant Applications</p> <p>Mr. Melvin Martinez, NMDOT Transit and Rail Bureau, provided an overview of the FTA Section 5310 and 5311 grant programs and the funding anticipated to be available for the federal 2009 fiscal year. Presentations were provided by each of the agencies which had submitted grant applications for FY2009 Section 5310 and 5311 funds, as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Section 5310</td><td> Adelante Development Center. Inc. ARCA Cornucopia, Inc. Go-Fors Inc., Too Valencia Counseling Services, Inc. </td></tr> <tr> <td>Section 5311</td><td> City of Belen Public Transportation Village of Los Lunas Transit Mid-Region Transit District Sandoval County Torrance County </td></tr> </table> <p>Following the presentations for the Section 5310 applications, RTPo TAC members completed scoring sheets for each applicant and provided them to MRCOG staff to compile. The same procedure was used following the presentations by the Section 5311 applicants.</p> <p>Ms. Loretta Tollefson, MRCOG staff, stated that the scores would be compiled and a summary of the scores would be provided to NMDOT staff. This information will be by NMDOT as input to the decision regarding funding for each applicant for the FY2009 program year.</p>	Section 5310	Adelante Development Center. Inc. ARCA Cornucopia, Inc. Go-Fors Inc., Too Valencia Counseling Services, Inc.	Section 5311	City of Belen Public Transportation Village of Los Lunas Transit Mid-Region Transit District Sandoval County Torrance County
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WORKSHOP					
Tab 7	<p>Project Selection Criteria for Developing Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations</p> <p>Ms. Tammy Haas, NMDOT Santa Fe, provided a presentation regarding the State Transportation Improvement Program. She stated that she has been asked to manage the STIP, which has been moved to the Construction division at NMDOT. She noted that new Federal law allows the State to move to a four-year STIP, and the NMDOT has chosen to do so. The 2008-2011 STIP was approved by the FHWA in June and should be on the NMDOT web site in the near future. The quarterly amendment cycle is still in place for the STIP, with amendments going to the State Transportation Commission in November, February, May and August of each year.</p> <p>Ms. Haas further stated that there are a number of questions related to funding levels in the coming fiscal years, both because of work being done by the House Memorial 35 Subcommittee and Task Force and because of events at the Federal level. She advised the RTPo to wait to make any extensive changes to the Mid-Region RTIPR until early 2009, when the state would be initiating work on the 2010-2013 STIP.</p> <p>Given the length of the meeting at this point, Chair Mahalick announced that the Workshop to address Project Selection Criteria for development of the RTIPR was being postponed.</p>				
STATUS REPORTS					

Tab 7	<p>Staff Report</p> <p>Ms. Tollefson noted that information regarding the New Mexico State Infrastructure Conference was being distributed. She also noted that the primary focus of the December RTPO TAC meeting will be presentations from the District Engineers from NMDOT Districts 3, 5, and 6, and that the TAC would be discussing how they wanted to proceed with developing RTIPR project section criteria.</p>
	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.</p>
NOTES	
Next Meeting: December 13, 2007	
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Karen Mahalick, Chair
RTPO-TAC

DECISION REGARDING FY09-14 RURAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION

MPO Recommendation: Determine that it is not necessary or advisable for the Mid-Region RTPO TAC to develop a FY09-14 Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendation

Background: At the RTPO TAC's October meeting, Ms. Tammy Haas, NMDOT Santa Fe, provided a presentation regarding the State Transportation Improvement Program. She noted that new Federal law allows the State to move to a four-year STIP, and the NMDOT has chosen to do so. In addition, the NMDOT is now revising the STIP every other year. The next NMDOT STIP will be developed in 2009 for FY2010-2013. The quarterly amendment cycle is still in place for the STIP, with amendments going to the State Transportation Commission in November, February, May and August of each year.

Ms. Haas further stated that there is uncertainty about the amount of funding that will be available in the coming fiscal years for transportation projects, both because of work being done by the House Memorial 35 Subcommittee and Task Force and because of events at the Federal level. Ms. Haas advised the RTPO that it may be advantageous to wait to make any extensive changes to the Mid-Region RTIPR until early 2009, when the state will have more information to provide about funding levels.

Usually, the RTIPR process would be begin in early December, with project identification forms due to staff in January. Given the financial uncertainty, the TAC is requested to make a decision whether to move forward with that process.

Project Selection Criteria for Developing Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations

MPO Recommendation: Identify a draft set of Project Selection Criteria for developing the next set of Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations

Background: It has been suggested that the RTPPO TAC develop a set of project selection criteria to facilitate the development of a prioritized set of recommended projects for the annual Rural Transportation Improvement Program. This Workshop is designed to initiate the development of criteria. Three potential approaches are attached. They are:

- The TIP policies and procedures used by the MRCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization
- The project Rating and Ranking format used by the New Mexico Northeast RPO
- Potential Project Selection Criteria based on the goals adopted as part of the MRCOG RTPPO Long Range Transportation Plan

Please come prepared to discuss these and to propose additional approaches.

PROJECT SCREENING AND EVALUATION CRITERIA
TIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
August 24, 2004

PROJECT TITLE & LOCATION: _____

Lead Agency: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Step 1. Screening Criteria

Item	Criteria	Evaluation	Guidance & Standards
1	Is the project consistent with the current MTP in terms of termini, scope and timing?	Yes, No or N/A	2025 MTP
2	Is the project eligible for the requested federal aid program?	Yes, No or N/A	FHWA "A Guide to Federal-Aid Programs & Projects" (May 99) and FTA Circulars TIP Policies & Procedures
3	Does the project include a reasonable cost estimate and funding plan?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form
4	If in the federal TIP years, can the project meet NEPA, design, ROW and/or construction letting milestones within the TIP time frame?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form From Agency Plans/Programs
5	Federal Requirements: Will the completed project comply with ADA requirements?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form
	Will the project include public involvement?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form
	Will the project comply with Title VI requirements?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form

Step 2. Quantitative Criteria

Project Type (Circle One):	Bicycle/Pedestrian	Roadway – Expansion
	Enhancements	Roadway – Preservation
	ITS	Transit
	Plans/Studies	Transportation System Management (TSM)
		Travel Demand Management (TDM)

CRITERIA

1. Regional System/Service Development: Market Areas Served (from TRAM)

Number of people and jobs within 30 minutes of travel from the corridor.

In Implementation Year _____

2. Air Quality (from Mobile6)

In Implementation Year

Project Impact on CO (in tons/day) _____

3. Design Life (from Implementing Agency)

For new facility, anticipated design life: _____ years

For existing facility, amount of Design Life Remaining: _____

For existing facility, estimated Design Life after Project is completed: _____

4. Vehicle Miles of Travel: Regional Peak Hour VMT Reduction (from MRCOG Travel Model)

Current Demand in AMPA: _____ VMT (p.m. peak period per day)

	Without Project	With Project	% Difference
Demand in Implementation Year	_____	_____	_____
Cost Benefit (Project Cost Divided by VMT Saved) - In Implementation Year	_____		

5. Congestion Management: Vehicle Hours of Delay (from MRCOG Travel Model)

Current Daily Vehicle Hours of Delay in AMPA _____

	Without Project	With Project	% Difference
Hours of Delay in Implementation Year	_____	_____	_____
Cost Benefit (Project Cost Divided by VHD Saved) - In Implementation Year	_____		

6. Safety

Number of crashes for this type of project per million vehicle miles.

Existing Condition (average of last 3 years) _____ At Implementation _____

Reduction in Crashes _____

Cost Benefit (Project Cost Divided by Crash Reduction) _____

7. Integration of Enhancements/Landscaping/Architectural Design/Public Art into the context-sensitive design of the project

Percent of project cost dedicated: _____%

Step 3. Qualitative Criteria

Relationship to 2025 MTP Goals

The project meets the following 2025 MTP goals, in the described ways.

____ Existing System Preservation

Explain: _____

____ Preservation of the Physical and Social Environment

Explain: _____

____ Urban Form

Explain: _____

Intermodal Integration

Explain: _____

____ Safe, Efficient and Reliable System

Explain: _____

____ System and Demand Management

Explain: _____

____ Economic Development

Explain: _____

Multimodal and

Project Integration With Other AMPA Projects

____ Project is related to other projects proposed for this TIP

Related Project: _____

Lead Agency: _____

Relationship: _____

____ Project is related to projects funded in previous TIPs

Related Project: _____

TIP: _____ TID ID#: _____

Lead Agency: _____

Relationship: _____

____ Project is related to another AMPA project that is not using Federal Transportation funds

Related Project: _____

Lead Agency: _____

Relationship: _____

____ Project is related to an MTP project

Related Project: _____

Lead Agency: _____

Relationship: _____

NERPO Rating & Ranking	Project Description/Type/Scope	Justification	Project Readiness	Viability	TOTAL	Comments
	Maximum 25%	Maximum 25%	Maximum 40%	Maximum 10 %		
Entity						
San Miguel County						
City of Las Vegas						
Village of Pecos						
Mora County						
Village of Wagon Mound						
Colfax County						
Village of Maxwell						
Village of Eagle Nest						
City of Raton						
Village of Cimarron						
Town of Springer						
Village of Angel Fire						
Guadalupe County						
City of Santa Rosa						
Harding County						
Village of Mosquero						
Village of Roy						
Quay County						
Village of House						
Village of Logan						
Village of San Jon						
City of Tucumcari						
Union County						
Town of Clayton						

Village of Des Moines						
Village of Folsom						
Village of Grenville						

**POTENTIAL PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA
BASED ON RTPD LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION
PLAN**

10/2/2007

Goal	Proposed Criteria	Low	Medium	High
A.	Part of existing network			
B.	Addresses capacity needs			
C. & J.	Addresses safety and security issues			
D.	Preserves physical and cultural environments			
E. & G.	Provides for public transportation, multimodal and/or intermodal needs			
F. & I.	Reduces travel distances and/or promotes energy conservation			
H.	Included in Rural Long Range Transportation Plan			